Supply of fried fish to the Central Prison.

205. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): As regards the fried fish supplied by contractors to the Central Prison, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Superintendent always insists upon each consignment having a certificate of the officer in charge of the fish-curing yard, as required by the contractor's agreement and laid down in the notice of auction of the contract for the supply of articles for that institution; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will call for from the Superintendent and lay on the table the certificates produced during the last six months of the current year (1102)?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The Superintendent reports that as the certificates are intended only for the passing of the consignment inside the Jail, they have not been filed hitherto.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether a single certificate would be made available to the members of the House?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Superintendent has reported that the certificates awarded have been destroyed.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the certificates were deliberately destroyed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Probably the rules do not require their preservation. Certificates are only for temporary use.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Am I to understand that even a single certificate is not now with the Superintendent?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I will enquire.

Travancore Map for the use of Vernacular Schools.

206. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. Cheriyan, the Chief Inspector of Vernacular Schools, has prescribed for the use of the various schools under him a Travancore map which was not brought to the notice, consideration and approval of the Text-Book Committee; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the name of the author of the map, and whether Mr. Cheriyan has the power to prescribe the map without reference to the Text-Book Committee?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No, but it is reported that the Inspector purchased and supplied to a large number of departmental schools under him copies of a historical map of *Keralam* which had neither been considered nor approved of by the Text-Book Committee. Generally maps are not considered by the Text-Book Committee.

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